



# *Milwaukee County*

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## **GOVERNOR REVERSES STANCE ON FUNDING FOR VICTIMS OF SEX ASSAULT**

*Supervisor Biddle played key role in bringing issue to the forefront*

**Milwaukee, WI** – Milwaukee County Supervisor Eyon Biddle, Sr., is responding to Governor Scott Walker's decision to reverse his earlier draconian budget cuts for Sexual Assault Victim Services, which would have reduced aid for rape victims by more than 42%.

"Decreasing this grant funding in 2012 would have been a disaster. I am pleased that the Governor saw the light and reversed this wrong. Now, our attention turns to the Joint Committee on Finance," Supervisor Biddle said. "Legislators should vote accordingly to preserve this funding for victims of sexual predators."

Supervisor Biddle's advocacy for victims has been unwavering. As a member of the County Board's Judiciary, Safety & General Services Committee, Supervisor Biddle authored a resolution, which was unanimously approved by the County Board last month, to create a Human Trafficking Task Force.

"We applaud County Supervisor Eyon Biddle for continuously fighting for the people affected by sexual assault and rape," said LaShawndra Vernon, Chairwoman of the Task Force. "His immediate response to these federal cuts further encourages our elected leaders to restore necessary funds and better serve the people affected by violence."

"I will continue this fight on behalf of the adults and children who are sexually assaulted," Supervisor Biddle added. "Whether at the Federal, State, County or Municipal level, we need to do everything we can to provide resources, support and, ultimately, hope, for people who have nowhere else to turn."

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